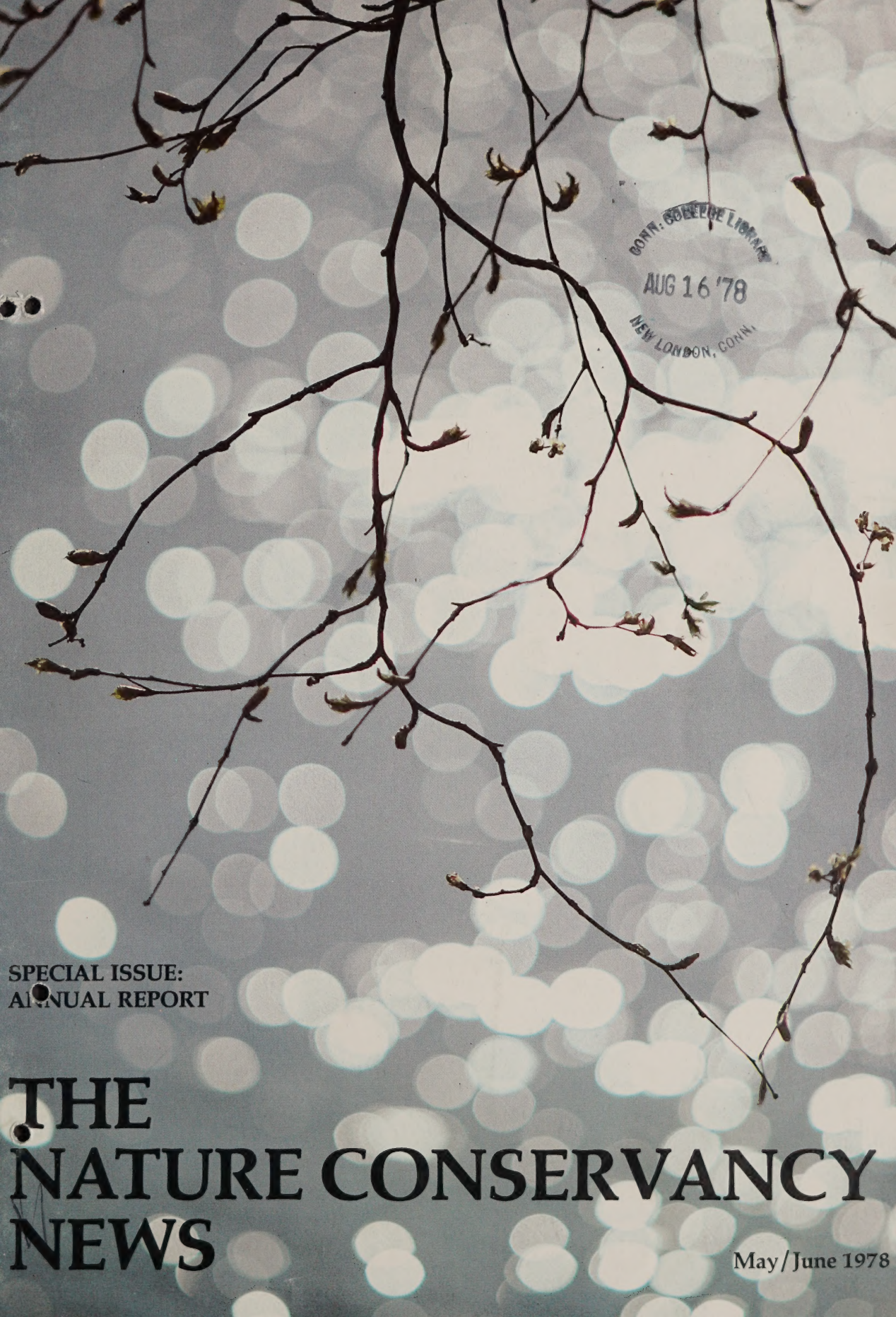




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COVER: Birch branch with new leaves, sun diamonds on water.
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The Nature Conservancy

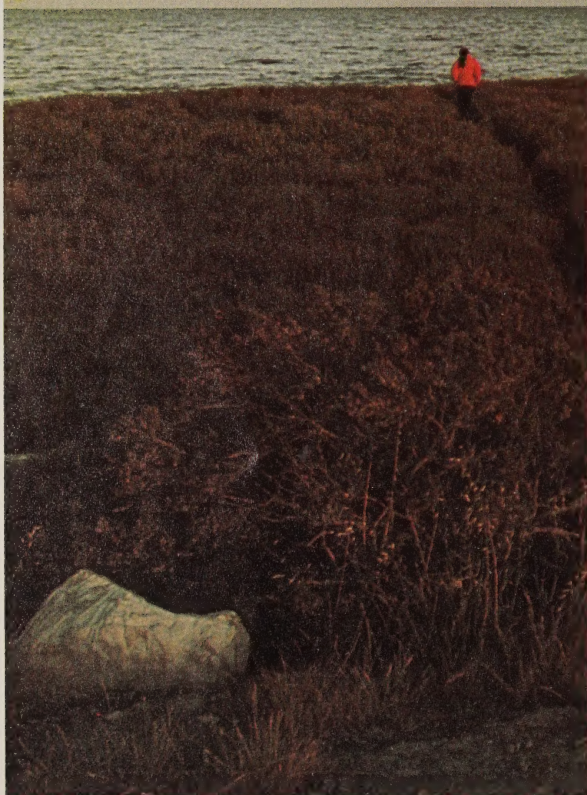
Through evolutionary eons, the many forms of life on this planet have been dependent on the natural environment for sustenance and survival. The interrelations between the myriad organisms and the environment form a highly complex web; to weaken or destroy any part can disrupt and jeopardize the entire system.

Nonetheless, despite only elementary knowledge of how the system operates, humans have abused and ravaged the land. Little now remains in its natural state, and many species of plants and animals are threatened with extinction. We apparently have forgotten that we are a part of the system as well—that the natural community has provided us with food, medicine, and clothing, and that in the wilderness we have found refuge, inspiration, and identity.

We *must* preserve vital segments of remaining natural lands if the system is to continue supporting the earth's variety of life. We *cannot* afford to do anything less.

The Nature Conservancy is a national conservation organization committed to preserving natural diversity by protecting lands that contain the best examples of all components of the natural world. Today thousands of acres of natural land—refuges for threatened wildlife and rare plants, places of special beauty—remain untouched and protected because the Conservancy and its members cared and acted quickly. These safeguarded areas are a record of our accomplishments, a promise for tomorrow, and a legacy for the future.

1977: Year in Review



You could see it in the tall green grasses of a Kansas prairie. Hear it in the bass bellow of an alligator along a Georgia river. Sense it in the salty wind off a California ocean island. 1977 was a good year for The Nature Conservancy.

Across the continent, from the plains of mid-America to the coasts of both oceans and beyond, The Nature Conservancy worked to preserve diversity—the rich variety of life—by protecting the best examples of natural areas. Natural areas safeguard the wildlife and plants that are today's joy and tomorrow's promise.

Past experience has shown that haphazard conservation, although often exciting, does



River otter



Purple fringed gentian

not ensure protection of the most significant natural lands. For a number of years, a major Conservancy objective has been to develop the information and methods needed to channel activity toward planned conservation. During 1977 major strides were made toward achieving that goal and, consequently, toward better protection of natural areas. Planning, and the setting of priorities, produced impressive dividends by year end.

During 1977 an even greater percentage of Conservancy projects protected rare or endangered species, represented large natural systems, or gave increased protection to existing preserves. Eleven State Natural Heritage Programs—sophisticated natural area identification efforts that are the key to effective use of the Conservancy's finite resources—began to pinpoint what is rare and where rare species and threatened ecosystems could be protected. The Conservancy's capacity to provide for the complex stewardship needs of the organiza-



Brown pelican



Ohio woodland and stream



Spring peeper

tion's sanctuaries grew as an increasing number of preserve master plans were completed.

Complementing operational achievements, the Conservancy's continuing stability was reflected in the year's financial profile. The organization's assets were \$150 million as of December 31, 1977. Approximately \$140 million or 93 percent represents land the Conservancy is pledged to preserve and, as such, is not a financial resource available for new projects or operations. As in the past, the Conservancy ended the year with a modest surplus of income over expenditures. The percentage of administrative and fund-raising outlays, in keeping with policy, remained well under the average for non-profit organizations. About 90 percent of all expenditures

went for the major programs of identification, protection, and stewardship.

The document behind the Conservancy's organized effort is the innovative long range 1982 Plan, approved by the Board of Governors in 1976. Each year, within the framework of the plan, specific operating objectives are set. How successfully last year's objectives were met provides the structure for this annual report. Although the plan is an important guide for the Conservancy's future, the real key to success during the last year has been people—members, volunteers, friends, Board, and staff. Conservancy planning merely provides the direction. Committed and concerned people during 1977 gave the plan life.

Identification Programs supply the accurate basic information needed to decide where to best preserve natural areas and the life they protect. Gathering and assessing inventory information is the first step toward preservation.

Natural Heritage Programs, employing a statewide approach to the classification and collection of information on endangered species and threatened natural systems, have proved to be particularly effective. Plans called for the Conservancy to add four new programs during 1977. At year end two new programs had begun and negotiations were well underway for Heritage Programs in seven ad-



Santa Cruz Island, California, one of the Conservancy's top priority projects for 1977, was under option at year end.

ditional states. Each of the original eleven programs was still in operation and, as planned, responsibility for seven of the inventories had been transferred to state governments.

Guided by their first responsibility, to provide ecological information, and bound by the constraints of limited funds and staff, operating Heritage Programs have offered scant opportunities for experimentation. During 1977, however, supported by a grant from the A. W. Mellon Foundation, researchers working in the Conservancy's National Office began to explore a variety of experimental inventory and data management techniques. Combining field experience with "state of the art" approaches, identification specialists worked toward production of an updated program that will be used as a model for new Heritage efforts.

In two of a number of examples, Heritage Programs produced remarkable results. In

South Carolina, officials discovered that the rare shrub *Ribes echinellum* grew on a 138-acre tract owned by The Continental Group, Inc. Notified of the existence of the unusual plant, Continental executives chose to give the land to the Conservancy, which in turn transferred the area to the State of South Carolina for protection. In a second instance, in North Carolina, researchers documented the major ecological importance of Green Swamp. Heritage Program information thus set the scene for the eventual gift by the Federal Paper Board Company to the Conservancy of the 13,850-acre wetland.

Protection Programs not only employ the traditional methods of acquisition, through gift and purchase, but also examine and use alternate techniques.

The foundation of the Conservancy's protection program remains the direct acquisition

of natural areas. In keeping with organizational goals, emphasis has been on acquiring areas of greater ecological significance. During 1977 more than 60 percent of the Conservancy's 172 acquisitions were of the very highest ecological quality—habitat for endangered species or land representative of threatened natural systems. At year's end, 17 of the Conservancy's 20 top priority projects for 1977 were either completed or under purchase option.

Statistics for the year counted 120,000 acres preserved with a conservative dollar value of \$65 million. A full review of the year's project activity begins on page 9.

Although given special status in a number of states, natural areas have not received the protection they require at the national level. Consequently, a key protection objective was to direct federal attention to natural areas. During 1977 the Conservancy assisted in the development of two complementary federal efforts, the President's National Heritage Program and Congress' Natural Diversity bill. Both make provision for major federal resources to be allocated to the identification and protection of significant natural areas. Affirming Conservancy experience, both approaches—scheduled for further action in 1978—rely heavily on state involvement and initiative.

Besides direct land acquisition, the Conservancy in 1977 began to explore the use of other approaches to natural area protection. Conservation easements, creation of statewide natural areas registries, dedication of natural areas within preserve systems, and notification of landowners are some of the tools which the Conservancy feels can be systematically applied in a protection plan for natural areas within Heritage Program states.

A strong membership is also a vital element in the Conservancy's ability to protect our nation's most important natural lands. Last year, membership grew by an impressive 50 percent, standing at approximately 45,000 at year's end. In the same period, corporate associates supporting the Conservancy increased from 87 to 138.

Public understanding and awareness serve to support membership goals and simultaneously add another layer of protection to Conservancy sanctuaries. Highlighting the Conservancy, its mission and accomplishments, feature articles and news stories appeared during the year in hundreds of newspapers from

the *New York Times* to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* to the *Los Angeles Times*. Gratis advertising brought the Conservancy message in the southeast to readers of *Time, Inc.*, publications, and nationally to the readers of *Atlantic Monthly*. A special "We're Building an Ark" ad series was created during the year to give a readily identifiable image to the concept of natural diversity.

For the first time in many years, each edition of *The Nature Conservancy News* was devoted to a specific theme. Response from members and friends to the upgraded *News* was so favorable that it was decided to publish bimonthly in 1978.

Stewardship Programs are the essential third step in the process that begins with identification. Without effective and efficient management, even the highest quality natural area will not persevere. Most of the 660 Conservancy-owned areas, which comprise the most comprehensive private sanctuary system in the U.S., are managed by a dedicated group of more than 3,000 volunteer Land Stewards. Thirteen preserves, including the 35,000-acre Virginia Coast Reserve—the largest privately owned refuge in the world—have professional management staffs.

The key to successful management of Conservancy sanctuaries is the careful application of limited resources through the development of a comprehensive long-range master plan for each area. A grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation enabled the Conservancy to hire student interns to work with local committees on preserve inventories and master plans. By year's end, master plans had been completed for over 36 percent of all Conservancy areas. Two regions, the Midwest and Southeast, had passed the halfway mark. All plans are scheduled for completion by 1980.

Not all areas acquired by the Conservancy are best managed by the Conservancy. In some cases, because of natural characteristics, location, physical configuration, or other considerations, preserves might be better managed by other agencies. With the approval of the Board, staff, chapters, committees—and, in appropriate cases, land donors—43 areas were transferred to other conservation organizations during the past twelve-month period.

Through a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, Inc., the first phase of a major study of Conservancy preserves was completed during 1977. During the year, more than 100,000 items of data were collected



from the national, regional, and chapter offices and then entered into computer files. The information will be valuable in providing researchers with means to make ecological and management assessments of Conservancy holdings.

The Conservancy also moved ahead in the area of environmental education and innovative use programs. Funded through the Cleveland and Gund Foundations, a pilot environmental education program was completed in Ohio using the talents of natural science students. Based on the success of the Ohio program, a National Student Stewardship Program is to be tested in 1978. Progress toward the creation of "model preserves"—especially significant areas which have innovative pro-

grams of public involvement, education, and scientific research—was made on the Virginia Coast Reserve, the Northern California Coast Range Preserve, and other areas across the country. Also, during the year the Southwest Council of the Retail Clerks International became the first labor organization to support the Conservancy program with its grant and pledge of \$20,000 for an environmental education program on Cold Creek Canyon (Ida Haines Murphey Preserve) near Los Angeles.

As the year ended, the Conservancy was unquestionably a more effective conservation force. However, it would be inaccurate to say that the future is without challenge. The objectives for 1982—comprehensive identification programs in 25 states, working protection programs in every state, a functioning and viable network of Conservancy preserves, membership at 100,000, and a revolving Land Preservation Fund of \$20 million—will mean a conscious and diligent effort on the part of everyone.

But the results will be worth the effort. For example, in the Midwest, thanks to the support of a single donor and the untiring work of hundreds of volunteers and staff, great sanctuaries have been created that protect significant portions of native American prairies. These protected prairies now safeguard the wildlife, the grasses, and the wildflowers of the plains. They are, together, an achievement that will outlast our time.

The Conservancy goal is to bring protection to each imperiled natural system, which, like the prairie, is an irreplaceable part of our nation's natural heritage. That natural heritage is a part of each of us, too. With your continued support and help, we can give our now-threatened heritage a lasting expression for this and future generations.

John E. Andrus III
Chairman of the Board

Patrick F. Noonan
President



1977 Projects

ALABAMA

Alabama Rock City, Cherokee Co. Huge rock formations with numerous caves and shelters; 200 acres. To be transferred to Cherokee County upon completion of a fund-raising effort.*

ALASKA

Eagle River, Borough of Anchorage. 300-acre forested wilderness along Eagle River; habitat for coyote, gray wolf, black bear, grizzly, moose. Transferred to the state for inclusion in Chugach State Park.

ARIZONA

Bill Williams River, Mojave and Yuma Cos. 1,520 acres of river valley bottomlands, desert uplands, and pastureland. To be transferred to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for inclusion in Havasu National Wildlife Refuge.

CALIFORNIA

Desert Tortoise Preserve, Kern Co. Desert habitat for rare desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizi*) and rare Mojave ground squirrel, as well as several protected reptiles. The 160-acre tract will be transferred to the Bureau of Land Management as part of designated Desert Tortoise Natural Area.

Ewing Oak Preserve, San Diego Co. (Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Ewing). 39-acre property is an example of the endangered southern interior oak woodland ecosystem of California. To be conveyed to University of California.

Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve, Monterey Co. (See page 17).

Nelson Nature Preserve, Addition, Santa Clara Co. (Gift of Mr. Frank C. Nelson). One acre of hillside meadow and woodland. To be transferred to California State Parks Foundation for inclusion in a park containing 5 acres previously donated by Mr. Nelson.

Northern California Coast Range Preserve, Additions, Mendocino Co. 180 acres of redwood and Douglas fir woodland along the Eel River and Skunk Creek. Managed by preserve stewards, Northern California Chapter, and California Field Office.

COLORADO

Gore Creek Deer Reserve, Eagle Co. Key part of a major mule deer migration corridor; 3.5 acres. Transferred to Colorado Division of Wildlife.

North Star Ranch, Pitkin Co. 174 acres of meadow land, stands of aspen and pine, ponds and bog; crossed by the Roaring Fork River. Important elk habitat. To be transferred to Pitkin County and the City of Aspen.

CONNECTICUT

Helen G. Altschul Preserve, Addition, Town of Stamford. (Gift of Helen G. Altschul and John J. McCloy). 14 acres of mixed hardwood forest; ridge top overlooking Mianus River. The preserve, managed by the Connecticut Chapter, now totals 165 acres.

Beeslick Pond Preserve, Town of Salisbury. (Gift of Sue B. Blagden, Alison G. Blagden, Louise B. Scott and Elise B. Lufkin). Limestone bog, nesting site for short-billed marsh wren, endangered in the state; 103 acres. Managed by Connecticut Chapter.*

Frank M. Bindloss Sanctuary, Town of Groton. (Gift of Sybil B. Sim and Elizabeth B. Johnson). 3-acre woodland with small stream containing native brook trout. Managed by Thames Science Center.

Burnham Brook Preserve, Addition, Town of East Haddam. (Gift of Richard H. and Esther Bemis Goodwin). Hemlock-red oak woodland and "Nodding Fern Glen," a scenic depression fed by small sphagnous wetland; 24 acres. Managed by Connecticut Chapter.

Canaan Mountain, Town of Canaan. (Gift of Mrs. H. Lincoln Foster). 42-acre woodland along Wangum Lake Brook; home of a federally endangered plant species. Negotiations underway for transfer to the state.

Greenwich Cove Marsh, Addition, Town of Greenwich. (Gift of Beatrice Forsberg). ¼-acre salt marsh in Greenwich Cove. The preserve, now 1.8 acres, is managed by the Connecticut Chapter.

Howell Property, Town of Wilton. (Gift of Janet K. Gregg Howell). 18 acres with grassland, vernal pond, red maple swamp, oak-hickory upland forest. To be transferred to Wilton Land Conservation Trust.

Meadow Woods, Town of Essex. (Gift of Earl L. Canfield). 97-acre wooded natural area overlooking Connecticut River. Remaining undivided interest (4/10) received in 1977.

Mt. Bushnell State Park, Town of Washington. (Gift of Thomas D. and Joanne Ferguson). 28 acres of woodland rising steeply from the shore of Lake Waramaug to the crest of Mt. Bushnell. To be transferred to the state for inclusion in Mt. Bushnell State Park.

Lucius Pond Ordway Preserve (Devil's Den), Addition, Town of Weston. 6-acre addition to 1,471-acre Conservancy preserve encompassing entire watershed of the Saugatuck River. Managed by Devil's Den Committee.*

Pattagansett Marshes, Addition, Town of East Lyme. 1-acre salt marsh fronting Pattagansett River. Conservation easement donated by Nancy C. Olmstead.

Silas Hall Pond, Addition, Town of Winchester. (Gift of Bethuel M. Webster). 14.5-acre woodland surrounding Silas Hall Pond. The preserve, managed by the Connecticut Chapter, now totals 107.5 acres.

Weir Preserve, Additions, Town of Wilton. (Gifts of Elsie B. French and Roger Geffen). Chestnut oak and northern red oak forest within watershed of Comstock River. Two tracts totaling 14 acres expand preserve to 80 acres. Managed by Connecticut Chapter.

Wood Duck Swamp, Addition, Towns of Greenwich and Stamford. (Gift of Woods End Associates, Inc.). 11 acres include two small streams, red maple swamp, woodland. To be transferred to the Greenwich Land Trust.

FLORIDA

Big Cypress Swamp, Additions, Collier Co. 53 acres purchased for addition to Big Cypress National Freshwater Reserve. To date, the Conservancy has acquired 666 acres toward creation of the Reserve.

Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve, Addition, Hernando Co. (Gift of Mrs. Janet Butterfield Brooks). 10-acre addition to preserve containing mixture of high hammock, longleaf pine, and turkey oak uplands, as well as two small freshwater ponds.

Floraglates Sanctuary, Glades Co. (Gift of Miss Jessie Freeling). 80 acres with pine woods, cypress swamp, wet prairie, ponds, and streams. Habitat for bald eagle, otter; Florida panther sighted in the vicinity. Managed by Florida Chapter.

Honorable Theodore Roosevelt Preserve, Addition, Duvall Co. (Gift of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company). 176-acre marshland near St. John's River; habitat for alligators and herons, as well as fresh and brackish water fish, salt marsh invertebrates, amphibians, and reptiles. The preserve now totals 603 acres.*

Longboat Key, Manatee Co. (Gift of Central Administration Corporation). Beach, salt marsh, and mangroves on Binnacle Point; 17 acres. Transferred to National Audubon Society.

Matanzas Pass, Lee Co. Tidal mangrove swamp, grass ponds, and salt marsh on Estero Island in the Gulf of Mexico. 22 of the preserve's 42 acres were

donated by John S. Dunning; the Florida Chapter's Matanzas Pass Project Committee is fund-raising to purchase the remainder.

Orange Lake, Alachua Co. (Gift of Context Development Corporation). 815 acres include blackwater river, wet prairie, open lake, and rolling uplands. Habitat for osprey, bald eagle; wood stork rookery and alligator nests. To be transferred to Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission.*

John S. Phipps Preserve (Alligator Point), Franklin Co. (Gift of John H. Phipps) 40 acres of beach, dunes, and tidal creeks on the Gulf of Mexico. Major staging area for monarch butterfly migrations in the fall; nesting site for least terns. Managed by Florida Chapter.

Sea Oats Beach, Monroe Co. (Gift of James C. and Jacquelin M. Majors). 1.3-acre area in Florida Keys. Dunes covered with sea oats. Managed by Florida Chapter.

Tiger Creek, Addition, Polk Co. Swamps and sandhills bordering Tiger Creek; pine and scrub oak uplands. 275-acre addition enlarges preserve to 2,875 acres. Managed by Tiger Creek Committee and Florida Chapter. Fund-raising underway.

Walk-in-the-Water Creek Nature Reserve, Addition, Polk Co. (Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Newell). 2 acres of pine, hardwood, and palm forest along Weohyakapka Creek. The preserve now totals 11 acres.

Warren Cave, Alachua Co. (Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Cox). Limestone cavern harboring several species of cave-dwelling animals, including the blind crayfish, endangered in Florida. The 4-acre property will be transferred to Florida Speleological Society.

GEORGIA

Altamaha River, Wayne, Long, and McIntosh Cos. (Gift of ITT-Rayonier). 1,331 acres of forest and swamp along Altamaha River; shelter for such rare and endangered species as swallowtail kite, limpkin, and southern bald eagle. To be transferred to Georgia Department of Natural Resources for inclusion in proposed Great Altamaha River Park.*

Pigeon Mountain, Addition, Walker Co. Caves, mountain streams, waterfalls, and magnificent rock formations on the steep slopes of Pigeon Mountain. The Conservancy acquired 20 acres and the mineral rights for 873 acres for addition to Georgia's Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Savannahs at Genesis Point, Bryan, McIntosh, and Chatham Cos. (Gift of International Paper Company). 26,154 acres of marshland and tidal estuaries; frequented by 4 endangered species—red-cockaded woodpecker, brown pelican, peregrine falcon, and southern bald eagle. Scheduled for transfer to Georgia Department of Natural Resources.*

Sky Valley, Rabun Co. Mixed hardwood and coniferous forest crossed by Chattooga River; wide diversity of flora including several plants considered rare or at the edge of their range. 861 acres. To be transferred to U.S. Forest Service for inclusion in Chattahoochee National Forest.

Chattahoochee National Forest, Addition, Dawson Co. 41-acre hardwood and pine forest; bird refuge.

To be transferred to U.S. Forest Service and included in Chattahoochee National Forest.

IDAHO

Salmon River, Addition, Lemhi Co. 268-acre habitat for elk, bighorn sheep, deer, mountain goat along Salmon River, a proposed Wild and Scenic River. Scheduled for transfer to U.S. Forest Service for inclusion in Salmon National Forest.

ILLINOIS

Cedar Glen Eagle Roost, Addition, Hancock Co. Two lands totaling 115 acres provide significant day roosting sites for the endangered bald eagle. Part of an 850-acre sanctuary along the Mississippi River managed by Western Illinois University. Scheduled for dedication under the Illinois Nature Preserves Act.*

Conservation Easement, Lake Co. 14 acres of old-growth forest; first conservation easement to be accepted in the state. The Chapter was instrumental in passage of 1977 bill legalizing conveyance of conservation easements in Illinois.

Gensburg-Markham Prairie, Addition, Cook Co. 1/2-acre addition to prairie preserve located just south of Chicago. The entire preserve, now totaling 93 acres, has been transferred to Northeastern Illinois University, and is scheduled for dedication as a state nature preserve.

Norris Nature Preserve, Kane Co. (See page 13).

Prairie Grouse Preserve, Louis J. Lacey II Addition, Marion Co. (Gift of Mrs. Paul H. Tracy). 20 acres of nesting cover and booming ground for locally threatened prairie grouse; brings total acres of protected habitat to 1,621. Managed by Illinois Natural History Survey.

INDIANA

Anderson Falls, Bartholomew Co. Falls on meandering Fall Fork of Clifty Creek surrounded by deep ravines and woodland. The 44-acre preserve is managed by the Indiana Chapter.

Crooked Lake, Whitley Co. 91 acres along Crooked Lake; nesting site for great blue herons. Purchased in cooperation with the state, ACRES, Inc., and Crooked Lake Property Owners Association. To be managed by Indiana Department of Natural Resources as a Dedicated State Nature Preserve.

Gerberding Easement, Allen Co. (Gift of Miles Gerberding). Conservation easement on 9 acres protecting Rodenbeck Nature Preserve and Cedar Creek, a designated part of the state's Natural Streams Program.

Kankakee Swamp Wildlife Area, Addition, Lake Co. Extensive cattail and reed marshes along Kankakee River. 470-acre addition expands refuge to 940 acres. Conveyed to Lake County Park and Recreation Board.

Kieweg Woods, Vigo Co. (Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kieweg). 18-acre mature forest dominated by maple. Managed by Indiana Chapter.

Laketon Bog, Wabash Co. (Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lee Brubaker, Jr.). 23-acre quaking bog with southernmost stand of tamarack in the state. Acquired with assistance of ACRES, Inc. To be managed by Indiana Department of Natural Resources as a state nature preserve.

Manitou Islands Wetland, Fulton Co. 107 acres contain marshland at the south end of Lake Manitou and several islands covered with tamarack and oak-hickory woodlands. Scheduled for transfer to the state; a portion will be a Dedicated State Nature Preserve, while the remainder will be a State Wetlands Conservation Area. Purchased with assistance of Wildlife Society's Indiana Chapter.

Moraine Nature Preserve, Addition, Porter Co. 79-acre addition connects two parts of existing 193-acre preserve. To be transferred to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as a Dedicated State Nature Preserve.

Young Easement, Allen Co. (Gift of Dora Deane Young). Conservation easement on 7 acres with wooded ravines and pond; buffer to existing Rodenbeck Nature Preserve.

IOWA

Behrens Pond and Woodland, Linn Co. 29 acres of wooded hills and natural ponds which provide habitat for the rare blue-spotted salamander, tiger salamander, and red-spotted newt. Managed by Iowa Chapter.*

Crossman Prairie, Howard Co. (Gift of Mr. Glenn Crossman). 10-acre remnant tallgrass prairie; native orchids such as yellow ladyslipper and showy orchis. Managed by Iowa Chapter.

KANSAS

Konza Prairie, Addition, Geary Co. 7,200 acres in the Flint Hills—the most extensive remaining tallgrass prairie region in the country. Habitat for red-tailed and Swainson's hawks, prairie chickens, and upland sandpipers. Purchased with \$3.6 million anonymous donation. Leased to Kansas State University for management with original 916-acre Konza Prairie Research Natural Area.*

MAINE

Dyer Neck Sanctuary, Addition, Lincoln Co. (Gift of Harry and Jonelle Edelson). Old-growth hemlock, marshes and bogs bordering Flood Pond and Musquash Pond; 188 acres. The preserve, managed by the Maine Chapter, now totals 238 acres.

Echo Vista, Hancock Co. 8 acres bordering Echo Lake on Mt. Desert Island. Acquired by Downeast Audubon Society with Conservancy fund-raising assistance.

Long Porcupine Island, Hancock Co. (Gift of A. Atwater Kent, Jr.). 125-acre island in Frenchman's Bay. Spectacular 100-foot cliffs provide roosting area for bald eagles. Managed by Maine Chapter.*

Sucker Brook Preserve, Addition, Oxford Co. 77 acres of woodland and marsh bordering Kezar Lake. Remaining 3/10 undivided interest in 65 acres was given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Krock; the Sucker



Green Swamp

Within the shaded depths of Green Swamp, the hinged leaves of the Venus' fly-trap close around its prey, an unsuspecting blue-bottle fly. The fly-trap is only one of 14 species of insectivorous plants thriving in the North Carolina swamp, along with a profusion of other rare and unusual flora. Considered endangered or threatened in the state, the sweet pitcher plant, sneeze-weed, swamp tickweed, and yellow fringeless orchid find shelter in the preserve's four plant community types.

One of these plant communities, known as a pocosin, is composed of dense, semi-evergreen shrubby vegetation. Pocosins, like other swamps and wetlands in general, are growing scarce because they are being drained to provide agricultural lands and tracts for pine plantations. The pineland savannah in the southwestern portion of the swamp supports the delicate bearded grass pink orchid, several species of sundews, and many grasses.

The Federal Paper Board Company, Inc., donated 13,850 acres of the Green Swamp to the Conservancy through the American Land Trust program. Believed to be the most ecologically significant portion of the swamp, the property provides refuge for deer, alligator, uncommon black bear, and rare bobcat. Sightings of the endangered puma have been reported as well. A National Natural Landmark, the Green Swamp was rated as a top priority for acquisition by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program.



Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

The list of our country's imperiled wildlife grows longer, while the numbers of remaining wildernesses that protect these animals decreases daily. One such surviving pristine area lies on the Chesapeake Bay side of the Delmarva Peninsula, in Dorchester County, Maryland. Acquired for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, the 2,530-acre tract provides habitat for three endangered animal species: the southern bald eagle, Delmarva fox squirrel, and red-cockaded woodpecker. In addition, the refuge is a rest stop for migrating peregrine falcons, classified in the Federal Registry as endangered.

About 500 acres of the property are covered with old-growth loblolly pines. Vital for the survival of the red-cockaded woodpecker, the pines have never been cut—some have diameters of more than two feet. The large stand of loblollies are interspersed with strips of hardwood swamp forest, featuring sweet and black gum, red maple, and swamp chestnut oak. Unforested portions of the tract are marshlands, most of which lie along nearly two miles of the Blackwater River and provide shelter for a variety of migrating waterfowl.

The land adjoins the present federal Blackwater Wildlife Refuge on the east, and on the west it edges Maryland's Taylor Island Wildlife Management Area. Identified as a top protection priority by the Chesapeake Bay Inventory—a joint Smithsonian Institution, Conservancy, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation endeavor—the property was acquired under the auspices of the American Land Trust and was transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for management.



Wildhorse Island

Few people associate islands with the State of Montana. But the "Big Sky Country" contains the largest freshwater island in the western U.S.—2,156-acre Wildhorse Island, lying in the west's biggest freshwater lake, Flathead Lake.

Wildhorse Island and the southern portion of the lake are located within the Flathead Indian Reservation. According to legend, when the Flatheads were raided by the Blackfoot, the Flatheads swam their horses to safety on Wildhorse Island. Some horses were left there and became wild, hence the island's name. Today, only a single old black stallion roams freely as the last survivor of the Indian herd.

Wildhorse Island contains the only remaining stretch of undisturbed shoreline—eight and a half miles long—on the lake. Its rugged hills, which rise steeply to 1,000 feet above "lake level," support a herd of 210 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, one of the largest contained populations in the nation. In addition, there are active bald eagle and osprey nests. Coyotes, black-tailed deer, and occasional black bear roam the island. Wildhorse's vegetation is predominantly grassland and forest of towering ponderosa pine and Douglas fir.

A project endorsed by the American Land Trust, Wildhorse Island was acquired in late 1977 and will be transferred in a series of transactions to the State of Montana for management in cooperation with the University of Montana.



Norris Nature Preserve

The Norris Nature Preserve is an old growth oak-hickory forest situated on a bluff bordering the east side of the Fox River. Covering 73 acres, the property has been highly rated by the Illinois Natural Area Inventory and has also been the target for preservation by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the Conservancy since 1972.

An excellent example of the dry to mesic forest type found in northeastern Illinois, the preserve is dominated by red and white oak and shagbark hickory. White ash, red elm, and ironwood are common associates, and black walnut and sugar maple are found on moister sites. The property also supports several unusual herbaceous plant species, such as cancer root, wood rush, purple twayblade orchid, twinleaf, Indian pipe, and shinleaf. Some of these plants are not only rare in northern Illinois, but are found only in Kane County.

The Norris Nature Preserve is the largest undisturbed stretch of land remaining along the Fox River, a major water resource for the Chicago region. The first preservation project of the Fox River Conservation Union (a program of the Illinois Chapter), the property was transferred to the St. Charles Park District and will be dedicated under the State Nature Preserve Act.

Brook Committee purchasing the remaining 12 acres. Managed by Maine Chapter and the Committee.

Tracy Property, Lincoln Co. (Gift of Dwight P. and Mary Jane Tracy). 33-acre property includes 800 feet of rugged coastline, ledges, cliffs, and small tidal basin on Jones Cove. To be conveyed to Town of South Bristol.

MARYLAND

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Dorchester Co. (See page 12).*

Seymour B. Cooper Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, Frederick Co. (Gift of Mrs. Virginia Cooper Lemon). 14 acres of upland deciduous forest in the Catocin Mountains. Transferred to Maryland Ornithological Society.

Cranesville Swamp, Addition, Garrett Co. 20-acre buffer for Cranesville Swamp, a unique ecosystem created by high altitude, poor drainage, and cold moist air trapped in the swamp. The preserve, now totaling 333 acres, lies mostly in West Virginia and is managed by the West Virginia Chapter.

Deal Island Wildlife Management Area, Somerset Co. 643 acres of productive tidal salt marsh fronting on Monie Bay and Little Monie Creek. Conveyed to Maryland Department of Natural Resources for addition to Deal Island Wildlife Management Area.

Robinson Neck-Frank M. Ewing Preserve, Dorchester Co. (Gift of Frank M. Ewing). 920-acre brackish marsh; scattered loblolly pine. Managed by Maryland Chapter.

Sugarloaf Mountain, Additions, Frederick Co. 64-acre key inholding at base of Sugarloaf Mountain purchased in cooperation with Stronghold, Inc. Also, a conservation easement on 1,126 acres of scenic woodland at Sugarloaf was donated by Janet S. and W. Sharon Farr. The easement will be conveyed to Maryland Environmental Trust.

Third Haven Woods, Talbot Co. Mature upland forest dominated by American beech and loblolly pine; habitat for endangered Delmarva fox squirrel. 150 acres donated by Third Haven Heights, Inc.; 71 acres given by J. McKinny Willis, Jr. Managed by Maryland Chapter.

MASSACHUSETTS

Muddy Brook, Worcester Co. (Gift of David M. Mixer, James F. Nields, and Martha B. Nields). 300-acre forest of white pine, hemlock, maple, oak, aspen; vital buffer for Quabbin Reservoir watershed. To be conveyed to the state.

MICHIGAN

Avalanche Mountain, Charlevoix Co. (Gift of Boyne Mountain Lodge, Inc.). 300-acre woodland. To be conveyed to Boyne City.

Beaver Island, Charlevoix Co. (Gift of Eleanor Hoevet Perry and Lorraine Hoevet Johnson). Blueberry bog with several species of mosses, including sphagnum; forest of birch, maple, and sumac on higher ground. To be transferred to the state for inclusion in Beaver Island Wildlife Research Area.

Bicentennial Woods, Lenawee Co. 78 acres include the last undisturbed stand of beech-maple forest in Lenawee County. To be conveyed to the county.*

Holloway Reservoir, Addition, Genesee and Lapeer Cos. 58 acres purchased by the Conservancy for inclusion in Holloway Reservoir, now totaling 1,246 acres.

Little Manistee River, Manistee Co. (See page 16).*

Skegemog Lake Natural Area Project, Kalkaska Co. 80-acre habitat for osprey, black bear, river otter, loon, eagle, and massasauga rattlesnake.

Vermilion Point, Addition, Chippewa Co. (Gift of Evan Noyes Real Estate Trust). 4-acre conifer forest; habitat for timber wolf, bobcat. Conveyed to Lake Superior State College.

MINNESOTA

Compass Prairie Preserve, Nobles Co. 14-acre mesic prairie; largest remaining tract of native vegetation in the county. Managed by Minnesota Chapter.

Minnesota Prairie Chicken Preserve System (Pankrantz Memorial Prairie), Addition, Polk Co. Mesic and wet prairie; prairie chicken habitat. 320-acre addition expands preserve to 640 acres. Managed by Minnesota Chapter.

Minnesota Prairie Chicken Preserve System (Pembina Trail), Additions, Polk Co. Native prairie, wet sedge pockets, aspen woods, willow thickets; vital nesting and brooding cover for threatened greater prairie chicken. Two tracts totaling 715 acres enlarge prairie to 2,375 acres. Managed by Minnesota Chapter.*

MISSISSIPPI

McIntyre-Scatters, LeFlore Co. 808-acre remnant delta bottomland hardwood forest. To be conveyed to Mississippi Wildlife Heritage Committee for administration by the Game and Fish Department.

Mississippi Sandhill Crane Refuge, Addition, Jackson Co. 6,029 acres of habitat for the only known colony of endangered Mississippi sandhill crane. The land, 936 acres of which was a gift of St. Regis Paper Company, has been transferred to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for inclusion in the new Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge.*

MONTANA

Wildhorse Island, Lake Co. (See page 13).*

NEVADA

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Douglas Co. 239 acres of woodland and meadow acquired in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service for inclusion in Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Stamp Act Island, Carroll Co. Heavily wooded 100-acre island supporting long-established great blue heron colony. Managed by Lake Wentworth Association, a Conservancy project committee.

NEW YORK

Accabonac Harbor, Duncan Woods Addition, Suffolk Co. (Gift of Samuel A. Duncan). 1-acre oak forest overlooking Accabonac Cliff; part of refuge for shorebirds and waterfowl. Managed by South Fork-Shelter Island Chapter.

Atlantic Double Dunes (Nicholas Fry Speed Preserve), Addition, Suffolk Co. (Gift of Jessie Clark Speed). Critical 2 acres of sand dunes and low-lying marsh areas. Managed by South Fork-Shelter Island Chapter.

Beaverkill Campsite, Sullivan Co. ½-acre addition to campsite on Beaverkill River. To be transferred to New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

Caumsett State Park, Suffolk Co. (Gift of John D. Maxwell). 11 acres of sandy beach and salt marsh. To be transferred to the state for inclusion in Caumsett State Park.

Camp Riverdale, Hamilton Co. Sandy beach, alder swamp and upland, and mixed forest on northwestern shore of Long Lake. The 89-acre tract will be transferred to the state for inclusion in Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Franklin Pond, Nassau and Suffolk Cos. (Gift of the estate of Elizabeth J. Franklin). 15-acre pond; habitat for native fish, freshwater clams, and a variety of waterfowl. Managed by Long Island Chapter as an addition to its Cold Spring Harbor Valley assembly.

Great Gully, Addition, Cayuga Co. Scenic forested valley with year-round stream and waterfalls along east side of Cayuga Lake. 55-acre addition enlarges preserve to 107 acres. Managed by Central New York Chapter.

Griffith Preserve, Addition, Suffolk Co. (Gift of Eleanor B. Griffith). 2 acres of mature hardwood forest expand preserve to 17 acres. Managed by Long Island Chapter.

Hannacroix Ravine, Addition, Albany Co. Hardwood forest and cliffs bordering Gulf Creek; 200 acres. Purchase funds donated by Dr. George Cooley. The preserve, managed by the Eastern New York Chapter, now totals 325 acres.

Manitoga, Addition, Putnam Co. Shallow gorge, stream, scenic overlook above Hudson River. With this addition, the Conservancy's Manitoga Nature Center now totals 79 acres. Managed by the Nature Center staff.

McGregor Pond Preserve, Addition, Westchester Co. (Gift of Mohegan Colony Associates). 10-acre red maple swamp; buffer to unpolluted pond and the Conservancy's original 9-acre preserve. Managed by Lower Hudson Chapter.

Moccasin Kill, Addition, Schenectady Co. (Gift of Heinz and Louise M. Specht). Hills and ravines covered with oak, maple, hickory, birch; 35 acres. Managed by Eastern New York Chapter.

Augustus G. Paine Preserve, Essex Co. 443 acres on Lake Champlain and Boquet River with cedar, hemlock, and white pine forest and flat exposure of Potsdam sandstone. Peter S. Paine donated 16 acres and

a conservation easement on 427 acres. Managed by Adirondack Conservancy Committee.

Silver Lake Camp Preserve, Addition, Clinton Co. (Gift of Betty Hicks, Hazel L. Kinzly, and Gladys Larsen Hicks). 8 acres with 200-foot bluffs on Silver Lake; several rare and threatened plants. Managed by Adirondack Conservancy Committee.

Thousand Acre Swamp, Additions, Monroe Co. 24 acres within one of the few large undisturbed swamps remaining in western New York. 4 acres donated by Julia C. Henner; 17 acres given by V. Alberta Way; remaining 3 acres purchased by Thousand Acre Swamp Committee. Managed by the committee and the Western New York Chapter.*

Wading River Marsh Preserve, Addition, Suffolk Co. (Gift of Mr. Pickford L. Robinson). 4-acre salt marsh frequented by clapper rails, herons, spotted sandpipers, terns. The preserve, now 63 acres, is managed by the Long Island Chapter.

David Weld Sanctuary, Additions, Suffolk Co. (Gifts of Mrs. David B. Weld and Mary Eleanor Woody). 2 tracts totaling 7 acres provide vital buffer to Weld Sanctuary which contains dunes, beach, and freshwater marsh. Managed by Long Island Chapter.

White Lake Swamp, Addition, Onondaga Co. (Gift of Daniel and Daniel L. McCabe). 16-acre property contains mixed hardwoods and northern white cedar forest. Part of assembly which will protect many rare plants. Managed by Central New York Chapter.

NORTH CAROLINA

James Barrett Property, Henderson Co. (Gift of Mr. James Barrett). 17 acres on Glassy Mountain; spectacular views. To be conveyed to National Park Service as an addition to Carl Sandburg Historic Home.*

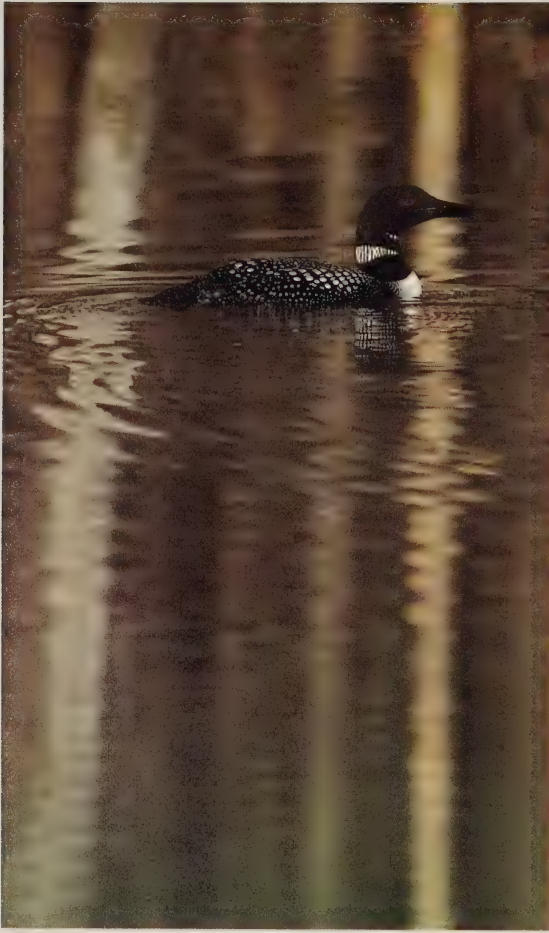
Carrot Island and Bird Shoal, Carteret Co. 474 acres of unspoiled marshes and high ground with maritime vegetation; breeding and nesting grounds for shorebirds and waterfowl. To be transferred to Duke University Marine Laboratory.*

Green Swamp, Brunswick Co. (See page 12).*

Roan Mountain, Addition, Avery Co. 179 acres of lush southern hardwood forest with rhododendron and flame azalea; habitat for bear and bobcat. To be transferred to U.S. Forest Service for inclusion in Pisgah National Forest, along with 2,380 acres already acquired by the Conservancy.*

Stone Mountain, Addition, Alleghany Co. 28 acres of mixed hardwoods with an understory of mountain laurel, rhododendron, and dogwood adjacent to Stone Mountain State Park. To be transferred to the state for addition to the park.

Swan and Monkey Islands, Currituck Co. Two islands separating Currituck Sound from the Atlantic. 100 bird species recorded in the vicinity include peregrine falcon, southern bald eagle, and osprey. The acquisition, made possible by a \$4 million grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, also includes acres of rich marshes in Currituck Sound, several small islands, and large stretches of vulnerable shoal waters. Protects 6,500 acres of Outer Banks, including 3½ miles of ocean front.



Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary

"There are few places on the face of the globe where you can stand in one spot, and just by turning your body a bit, see a swamp that might remind you of the Everglades, a 'desert' bristling with cactus and Spanish-dagger yucca, an open-floor forest typical of the Appalachian mountains, and seepy southern pinelands." This is how Howard Peacock, past president of the Big Thicket Association, described the uniqueness and diversity of the Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary in Texas.

Lying along the eastern bank of a sinuous 7.6-mile stretch of Village Creek, the Larsen Sanctuary is a large expanse of arid sandylands, one of the seven ecosystems comprising the Big Thicket. In addition to a variety of intermingled plant ecosystems, the preserve contains some 340 species of wildflowers, and many kinds of shrubs and trees common to the Big Thicket as a whole. The sanctuary also harbors the United States' largest gallberry holly and four representative species of insect-eating plants—bladderwort, butterwort, sundew, and pitcher plant.

In ceremonies on April 16, 1977, the property was transferred to the Conservancy and named in honor of Mr. Roy E. Larsen, Vice Chairman of Time, Inc. A life-long conservationist, Mr. Larsen is a member of the Conservancy's Board of Governors and one of the creators of the Nantucket (Mass.) Conservation Foundation of which he is now chairman. The 2,138-acre preserve was designated an American Land Trust project and donated by Time, Inc., through its forest products subsidiary, Temple-Eastex Inc.

Little Manistee River

Winding through sandy soils and flowing over extensive glacial outwash plains, the Little Manistee River finally empties into Manistee Lake, which in turn feeds into Lake Michigan. The river and its surrounding lands support deer, raccoon, porcupine, beaver, squirrel, grouse, wood duck, and red-tailed hawk.

An excellent fishing stream, the Little Manistee is alive with steelhead trout and chinook salmon. Its steep banks are lined with old-growth oaks and maples, while the surrounding property is dominated by conifers.

In an exchange/gift transaction with Packaging Corporation of America, a subsidiary of Tenneco, Inc., the Conservancy acquired 2,200 acres of land running along an eight-mile stretch of the Little Manistee. The property was preserved under the auspices of the American Land Trust and will be transferred to the U.S. Forest Service for addition to Michigan's Manistee National Forest. The tract is also under study for inclusion in a national recreational lands system.

The 1978 Annual Meeting and Field Trips



Washington, D. C.
September 14-18, 1978

Washington, D. C.

One of the first planned cities in the U.S., Washington abounds in national monuments, historic buildings, spacious parks, and breathtaking gardens. The "heart of the nation," it also features America's only giant pandas, Rock Creek (where Robert Fulton allegedly tested his early steamship designs), and colonial Georgetown, which was a bustling tobacco port long before D.C. came along.

Headquarters for the Conservancy's 1978 Annual Meeting is the Arlington Hyatt House, within walking distance of Georgetown, Theodore Roosevelt Island, and the historic C & O Canal, where mules are once again pulling barges up the narrow waterway. Only two streets away from the Conservancy's National Office, the Hyatt House will be the site of this year's meetings and activities. Members will begin arriving at the Hyatt on September 14. That evening, Annual Meeting participants will attend a reception at Hillandale, the gracious Georgetown home and estate of John Archbold, a member of the Conservancy's Board of Governors.

The following day, September 15, members will have the opportunity to be a part of the Board Committee Meetings—several of which will be structured as open workshops—and the Business Meeting. A sumptuous buffet lunch will be served. In the evening, participants will attend an open house at the National Office, visit with staff members, and view the twinkling

Washington skyline just across the Potomac River. Afterwards, members will return to the Hyatt House for the Annual Awards Banquet.

Field trips to Maryland's Eastern Shore and the Virginia Coast Reserve are scheduled to begin on Saturday morning, September 16, with a 7:45 a.m. departure from the Hyatt House. The maximum number of people that can be accommodated on the Eastern Shore tour is 100; the Virginia Coast Reserve trip can take only 80 members. Although exact times and the chronology of events are still tentative and subject to minor changes, the trips themselves are definite. Both groups for each tour will leave the Hyatt House together and separate after lunch at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Field trip participation is limited to those attending the Annual Meeting on September 14 and 15.

The registration fee for the Annual Meeting in Washington, D. C., and costs for both field trips are included on the attached Registration Form. Please return the form to The Nature Conservancy, Annual Meeting Coordinator, as soon as possible. Accommodations and space are limited, so registrations will be processed on a first-come basis, upon receipt of checks. Attendance is limited only to Conservancy members and spouses. Reservations for all events cannot be guaranteed after August 15, 1978. Further details and additional information will be mailed to you with the confirmation of your registration.



FIELD TRIPS

The Eastern Shore

When native Marylanders mention “the Shore” they are usually referring to the land facing the Chesapeake Bay, rather than to the Atlantic coastline. An Indian name, Chesapeake means Great Waters and the title is an appropriate sign of the Bay’s immense size. The Chesapeake and its tributaries comprise one of the world’s largest estuaries, as well as one of the most diverse and ecologically significant natural systems on earth. Its ragged 4,600-mile shoreline is bordered by immensely productive marshes and wetlands and dotted with picturesque and historic coastal towns, such as St. Michaels, Oxford, and Annapolis.

The first stop for all members attending the field trips is Annapolis, for a guided, walking tour of the 18th century city. Architectural highlights of the Annapolis tour will include Maryland’s State House (where George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief and the Continental Congress ratified the treaty ending the Revolutionary War), St. John’s College campus and its 600-year-old Liberty Tree, the Georgian-style Hammond-Harwood House, the famous William Paca home and its beautiful restored garden, and the Chase-Lloyd House.

The members’ next destination will be the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a fine example of the richness of the Bay’s surrounding lands. Members will arrive at the refuge in time for lunch in the auditorium, and a tour and lecture presented by refuge wardens. Bird-watching enthusiasts should definitely have their binoculars — Blackwater harbors endangered bald eagles, ospreys, herons, egrets, Canada geese, a great variety of ducks and other waterfowl. The area is also a rest-stop for migrating peregrine falcon. Red-cockaded woodpecker and Delmarva fox squirrel, both

endangered, are known to inhabit the property’s tract of old-growth loblolly pines.

After visiting Blackwater, the two groups will separate, one traveling to Easton, Maryland, and the other leaving for Chincoteague, Virginia, on the Virginia Coast Reserve field trip. Members of the shorter Eastern Shore of Maryland tour will check into the famous Tidewater Inn and Easton Manor and then board a tour boat in Easton Point for a relaxing trip down the Tred Avon River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. Cocktails and an Eastern Shore-style dinner will be served overlooking the Tred Avon, at the lovely home of Peter Black, Chairman of the Maryland Chapter. On Sunday morning (September 17) the members will enjoy a well-known Tidewater Inn brunch and then return to Washington via Third Haven Woods, a Maryland Chapter project. Arrival time in Washington is approximately 3:00 p.m.

The Virginia Coast Reserve

Miles of sandy beaches. Acres of green marshes teeming with life. Flocks of sea and shore birds. The timeless rolling tides. For inland dwellers in particular, the field trip to Conservancy’s Virginia Coast Reserve may well be one of the few opportunities to view a coastal system preserved entirely in its natural state.

The first part of the VCR field trip is the same as the Eastern Shore tour, with its stops in Annapolis and Blackwater. After leaving Blackwater, members will spend the night in the coastal town of Chincoteague, renowned for its delicious shellfish. Highlights of the visit are a sunset walk along the beaches of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the Assateague Island National Seashore, followed by a locally well-known oyster roast and chicken barbeque prepared by the Island Volunteer Firemen.

After a sunrise breakfast on Sunday (September 17), the VCR tour members will journey to Brownsville, headquarters and visitors center of the Virginia Coast Reserve, and Wachapreague, where they will board a boat bound for Parramore Island. Called the “crown jewel” in the Reserve’s 13-island chain, Parramore is the most heavily vegetated of the barrier islands and contains old-growth stands of pine and cedar. The dunes on the northern end of the island reach heights of 10 to 15 feet. Again, binoculars should not be forgotten — the islands are unsurpassed for their large numbers of shorebirds, seabirds, and migrating and wintering waterfowl. A tour of Parramore Island will be combined with lunch.

After visiting Parramore and Brownsville, members will travel to Easton, Maryland, for dinner and an overnight stay at the Tidewater Inn. Buses will return the group to Washington by noon on Monday, September 18.



REGISTRATION FORM
1978 Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C.

September 14-18
Arlington Hyatt House
Arlington, Virginia

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Membership Classification

☐ Conservancy Member ☐ Board Member ☐ Chapter Representative ☐ Chapter Chairman

The Registration Fee for the Annual Meeting, September 14-15, is \$55.00 *per person*. The fee includes all costs (opening reception—September 14; continental breakfast, buffet lunch, Awards Banquet and cocktail party—September 15; early breakfast on September 16), *except* hotel accommodations and breakfast Friday, September 15, at the Hyatt. Attendance is limited to members and spouses.

FIELD TRIPS

TRIP A — **THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND** (Sept. 16-17) — FEE \$95.00 (per person)

TRIP B — **THE VIRGINIA BARRIER ISLANDS** (Sept. 16-18) — FEE \$135.00 (per person)

The Field Trip fee includes all room accommodations, food, transportation, and all other expenses incurred during the Field Trips. Participation is limited to those attending the Annual Meeting.

☐ I (We) will attend the 1978 Annual Meeting at the Arlington Hyatt House, September 14-15.

Cost per person — \$55.00 Total _____

☐ I (We) will attend:

FIELD TRIP A — September 16-17. Cost per person — \$95.00 Total _____

FIELD TRIP B — September 16-18. Cost per person — \$135.00 Total _____

I (We) enclose a check for **TOTAL** _____

Reservations cannot be guaranteed after August 15, 1978, due to space limitations.

FULL REFUNDS will be made prior to August 15. **NO REFUNDS** of the Annual Meeting Registration Fee and the Field Trip Fees will be made after that date. Only in cases of emergency, the reasons for which must be submitted in writing to the Annual Meeting Coordinator, will **PARTIAL REFUNDS** be made. A percentage will be retained to cover deposits and other costs incurred by the Conservancy.

More detailed information will be sent upon receipt of the Registration Form.

Information on alternative hotel accommodations is available upon request.

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST FORM — ARLINGTON HYATT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

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Reservations must be received not later than two (2) weeks prior to arrival date. Rooms will be held only until 6:00 P.M. on date of arrival unless advance payment is received. Guaranteed reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival date. Rates are subject to 6% Virginia tax and 3% County Surchage.

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Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve

Mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote prowl throughout the diverse terrain and unusual vegetation of Big Creek, a remarkable wilderness that photographer Ansel Adams called "... the most unique and beautiful area of the Santa Lucia Mountains facing the coast between Carmel and San Simeon. . . ." Steelhead trout inhabit the clear streams, and eagles, hawks, and owls roost in the treetops.

A \$500,000 grant from Save-the-Redwoods League enabled the Conservancy to exercise its option to purchase Big Creek Ranch. Another \$300,000 is being raised to complete the purchase and to establish a management endowment. The reserve will be transferred to the University of California Natural Land Water Reserves System for use in field research and education.

In addition to 4,000 acres of redwood forest and four miles of rugged Pacific coastline, the ranch encompasses a pristine watershed, natural springs, two perennial streams, and 32 distinct plant communities. Researchers point out that the occurrence of desert yucca, growing in close proximity to the redwoods, is indicative of the high ecological value of the site. No less than five endemic plants are found on the property, and the kelp forests offshore support 15 to 20 endangered sea otters, which are protected in California.

Spared from burning in the 1977 forest fire, Big Creek offers an uncommon and varied gene pool from which native species can recolonize adjacent burned sections of land. Scientists believe that the tract abuts one of the current centers of active plant species evolution in California.



Burt Forest

Unpolluted streams, a spectacular waterfall, the best glacial cirque east of the Rockies, and miles of verdant forest comprise a 10,500-acre project in Vermont, the largest ever undertaken in New England. The Burt Forest lands contain over 15 square miles of wild mountain and forestland, including several summits over 3,000 feet and an entire watershed near Stowe.

The properties are found in three locations. The largest tract, 6,000 acres, is adjacent to the Mount Mansfield State Forest and includes the watershed at Ranch Valley as well as Nebraska Notch, which supports several species of rare ferns. Stowe Pinnacle and Hog Back Mountain are situated on the second parcel, a 3,800-acre tract next to Putnam State Forest. This stretch of wilderness also contains several clear trout streams. Three smaller pieces totaling 970 acres on the northwest slope of Camel's Hump comprise the third parcel. It provides critical buffer for rare alpine plant communities and Arctic tundra higher on the mountain.

Plans call for the three Burt Forest properties to be transferred to the State of Vermont as critical additions to the parks nearest each tract. Meanwhile, a cooperative fund-raising effort between the Eastern Regional Office and the Vermont Chapter is underway to cover purchase and management costs of \$100,000. The project was accomplished under the auspices of the American Land Trust.

OHIO

Abner Hollow Preserve, Addition, Adams Co. 200 acres contain mixed mesophytic and beech-maple forest and a 2-acre promontory with prairie vegetation. Managed by the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

Becvar Nature Preserve, Geauga Co. (Gift of Mrs. E. H. Becvar). 68 acres of level to gently sloping woodlands along Winterbrook Creek and Griswold Creek. To be transferred to Geauga County Park District.

DuPont Marsh, Erie Co. (Gift of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.). 105 acres of wetlands along the Huron River; home of 4 endangered species of fish: spotted gar, black nose shiner, pugnose minnow, and banded killifish. To be transferred to the Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves.*

Little Miami River, Hamilton Co. (Gift of Dravo Corporation). 42 acres of riverfront floodplain forest; key area in the state's scenic river acquisition program. To be transferred to the state.

The Wilderness (Charles A. Eulett Preserve), Addition, Adams Co. 9-acre buffer to existing 558-acre preserve which provides habitat for rare green salamander and other Appalachian species. Managed by Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

Withrow Nature Preserve, Hamilton Co. Climax beech-maple forest, steep bluffs overlooking Ohio River Valley; 129 acres. Transferred to Hamilton County Park District.

OREGON

Camassia Natural Area, Addition, Clackamas Co. 5-acre buffer for 23-acre preserve containing wildflower meadows and forest. Leased to Lewis and Clark College for management.

Cox Island, Lane Co. (Gift of Champion International). 187-acre island in the Siuslaw River dissected by tidal channels, salt pans, tidepools. One of the finest salt marshes on Oregon's coast; important habitat for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, and birds of prey. Managed by local volunteer committee.*

Sandy River Gorge, Addition, Multnomah Co. (Gift of the families of Dr. and Mrs. Arch Diack and Dr. Samuel Diack). 32-acre buffer to existing 368-acre preserve containing river frontage, meadows, waterfalls, cliffs, and forest. Includes farm buildings which will be used for a nature center for the preserve.

PENNSYLVANIA

Tannersville Bog (Stuart M. Stein Memorial Preserve), Monroe Co. 150-acre northern sphagnum bog with mature relict boreal bog forest dominated by black spruce and tamarack. Managed by Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter.

Tinicum National Environmental Center, Addition, Delaware Co. (Gift of Sun Mark Industry). 2-acre tidal marsh acquired for inclusion in federal wildlife refuge.

Woodbourne Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary, Addition, Susquehanna Co. (Gift of Philip H. and Theodora C. Gray). Old-growth hemlock and hardwoods;

important buffer for existing 555-acre preserve. 52 acres donated in fee; easement donated on 25 acres. Managed by Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter.

RHODE ISLAND

Prudence Island, Newport Co. Woodland and salt marsh on 680-acre portion of an island in Narragansett Bay; habitat for shellfish, waterfowl. To be conveyed to Rhode Island Department of Natural Resources.*

SOUTH CAROLINA

Frances Beidler Forest (Four Hole Swamp), Addition, Berkeley Co. 90-acre buffer to the 3,415-acre blackwater swamp. Owned jointly with and managed by the National Audubon Society.*

SOUTH DAKOTA

Cloviss Prairie, Brown Co. (Gift of Mr. Hall H. Clovis). 156-acre tallgrass prairie dominated by big bluestem. Managed by personnel of nearby Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Vermillion Prairie, Clay Co. 22-acre native tallgrass prairie on steep bluff overlooking the Missouri floodplain. Managed by the University of South Dakota.

TENNESSEE

Bumpass Cove, Washington and Unicoi Cos. (Gift of Kimberly-Clark). 4,000 acres of Appalachian Mountain woodland. To be eventually transferred to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Addition, Grundy Co. Wilderness containing the headwaters of three major creeks, narrow gorges, sandstone cliffs, sparkling waterfalls, pools, and virgin forest. The 4,138-acre addition doubles the size of the State Natural Area. Mineral rights on the property were donated by AMAX Coal Company.*

TEXAS

Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary, Hardin Co. (See page 16).*

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, Brazoria and Matagorda Cos. 2,495-acre estuarine system between Gulf of Mexico and Intracoastal Waterway; fertile oyster grounds, nursery for shrimp, crabs, finfish. Transferred to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as addition to existing refuge.

Smith Marsh, Matagorda Co. 2,375-acre marshland; habitat for many species of birds, especially wintering geese. To be transferred to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for addition to adjoining San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge.*

J. Cooke and Mary Randolph Wilson Preserve, Jefferson Co. (Gift of Mrs. Mavis Kelsey). Excellent example of once-vast oak-loblolly pine forest; 40 acres. Managed by Texas Chapter.

VERMONT

H. Laurence Achilles Natural Area, Additions, Chittenden Co. Upland forest and cattail marsh on Shelburne Pond. 160 acres consist of three tracts, two of which were purchased with funds donated by Mr. H. Laurence Achilles; the third, .6 acre, was a gift of Marilyn T. and Alexander S. Webb. All three will be conveyed to University of Vermont.

Barton River Marsh, Orleans Co. 50-acre freshwater marsh; refuge for a variety of shorebirds and waterfowl. Using an option secured by the Conservancy, the state purchased the area for inclusion in its South Bay Waterfowl Management Area.

Burt Forests, Washington, Chittenden, and Lamoille Cos. (See page 17).

Green Mountain National Forest, Addition, Windham Co. (Gift of Stephen and Janet Churchill Greene). 100 acres of dense woodland on hilly terrain. To be transferred to U.S. Forest Service for inclusion in Green Mountain National Forest.

Greene Property, Windham Co. (Gift of Stephen and Janet Churchill Greene). Steep slopes heavily forested with northern hardwoods; 320 acres. Scheduled for transfer to Town of Stratton.

Lake Willoughby, Orleans Co. 12-acre conifer forest and swamp woodland fronting on Lake Willoughby. To be conveyed to the Town of Westmore.

Sugar Hollow Natural Area, Addition, Rutland Co. 20 acres with swamp, open fields, rocky ledges, wooded slopes. Funds for the purchase were donated by Mr. and Mrs. E-An Zen. The preserve, now 51 acres, is managed by Sugar Hollow Preserve Committee and Vermont Chapter.

VIRGINIA

Airfield Mill Pond, Sussex Co. (Gift of Union Camp Corporation). 211-acre hardwood forest adjacent to pond; refuge for migrating waterfowl. Conveyed to Southeast 4-H Education Center, Inc.

Appalachian Trail, Warren and Fauquier Cos. 196 acres of Blue Ridge Mountain woodland containing a scenic 2-mile portion of the Appalachian Trail. Transferred to the state for Appalachian Trail protection.

Chickahominy River Wildlife Management Area, Charles City Co. 581 acres contain tidal marsh, mixed upland hardwoods and pines, and remnant bald cypress trees and swamp hardwood stands. Transferred to the state.

Mason Neck, Addition, Fairfax Co. 14-acre mixed hardwood forest; habitat for endangered southern bald eagle. 25 miles from Washington, D.C. Acquired for inclusion in Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge.

Ragged Island, Isle of Wight Co. Needlerush and cordgrass marshes interspersed with small pine islands; 4 miles of shoreline on James River. The 1,475-acre area has been transferred to the state.

Wildcat Mountain, Addition, Fauquier Co. 20-acre mixed hardwood forest in the foothills of the Blue

Ridge Mountains; wildcat habitat. The preserve, now 653 acres, is managed by Virginia Chapter's Wildcat Mountain Preservation Committee.

WASHINGTON

Cyrus Gates Memorial Preserve, Whatcom Co. (Gift of Mr. Cyrus K. Gates and Mrs. Francis Gates McCord). Entire pristine 5-acre island in Chuckanut Bay; refuge for bald eagle, shorebirds. Leased to Western Washington State College for management.

Little Spokane River Park Corridor, Spokane Co. River frontage with riparian vegetation. The 243-acre tract is the second acquisition within the 27-mile river corridor, now owned and managed by Spokane County Parks.

Point of Arches, Clallam Co. 160 acres of wilderness beach and virgin coastal coniferous forest, spectacular rock formations known as "seastacks" covered with nesting seabirds. Transferred to National Park Service for inclusion in Olympic National Park. Acquired with Elmer Feldenheimer Land Preservation Fund.*

Skagit River Bald Eagle Sanctuary, Additions, Skagit Co. Two river islands connected by a gravel bar and totaling 14 acres; habitat for wintering bald eagles. One island donated by Simpson Properties, Inc.; other island purchased with funds given by Mrs. Elizabeth Warren as a memorial to her son and her parents. To be managed by the Conservancy and the state Department of Game.*

WEST VIRGINIA

Coal River, Kanawha Co. 735 acres of river frontage and mixed forest. To be transferred to Kanawha County for use as a natural area park.

Hungry Beech Preserve, Addition, Roane Co. 102-acre addition supports rare Adam-and-Eve or putty root (*Aplectrum hyemale*). Managed by West Virginia Chapter.*

Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area, Pendleton Co. Key inholding in Monongahela National Forest acquired in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. 235 acres of rolling wooded hills and steep ridges.

WISCONSIN

Summerton Bog, Addition, Marquette Co. 60-acre meadow containing wet prairie species and edged with a large tamarack and sedge bog. Managed by Wisconsin Chapter.

* Acquired under the auspices of the American Land Trust

The American Land Trust

1977 Report

At the end of 1977, with 21 months of its two-year bicentennial program behind it, the American Land Trust succeeded in tapping vital new roots of support for conservation and for The Nature Conservancy. The Trust's national citizens committee of 34 business, conservation, and civic leaders was headed by honorary chairman Nathaniel P. Reed (former Assistant Secretary of the Interior) and by co-chairmen Dan Lufkin and Thomas L. McCall.

With the Conservancy serving as identifier, negotiator, and land steward, the Trust cooperated in preserving over 325,000 acres of land spanning 85 projects from Maine to California. Since its founding in March 1976, approximately \$100 million in donations and land gifts have been made under the Trust's auspices.

The American Land Trust's campaign offered the private sector a unique opportunity to involve itself actively in conservation. Some 20 corporations participated in the Trust's program, making gifts of land to the Conservancy worth \$31 million. Many corporations and foundations also made contributions under the auspices of the Trust to Conservancy fund-raising projects in 1977.



Roy E. Larsen, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Conservancy board member Dr. Stephen H. Spurr, and Conservancy President Patrick F. Noonan attended ceremonies in April, 1977, marking Temple-Eastex, Inc.'s donation of the Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary to the Conservancy.

In its second year of partnership with the American Land Trust, National Council of State Garden Clubs (the largest gardening organization in the world) raised \$190,000 to purchase natural areas, bringing the total to \$210,000. All NCSGC funds went directly to the 44 Trust-designated fund-raising projects. In addition to direct dollar contributions, the 400,000 members and 13,000 clubs of National Council took the Trust's and the Conservancy's land preservation message to countless local media, schools, businesses, civic groups, and friends.

While the nation's bicentennial was celebrated with much glitter and noise, the American Land Trust made a lasting and meaningful contribution to the nation's future. The Trust served to dramatize a critical need to the American public, to rally support for conservation, and to create an irreplaceable legacy for the future.



During the year, members of the Rambler Garden Club of Louisville, Kentucky, completed fund-raising for Pilot Knob, a 1976 American Land Trust project.

The Nature Conservancy

1977 Financial Highlights

Assets	(Dollars in thousands)
Natural Areas Retained and Protected by The Nature Conservancy	\$111,835
Natural Areas Held for Resale to Government Conservation Agencies	23,624
Endowment Investments	5,349
Current Assets	4,361
Miscellaneous	739
TOTAL ASSETS	\$145,908
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Debt on Land Held for Resale to Government	\$ 11,126
Debt on Land Retained by The Nature Conservancy	3,312
Deferred Income	1,645
Miscellaneous Liabilities	300
Fund Balances	
Funds Designated for Future Land Acquisition or Project Loans	8,498
Stewardship Endowment Funds for Conservancy Preserves	3,417
Guarantee & Income Fund	2,122
Funds Restricted for Special Programs	680
Chapter Funds	547
General Fund	1,216
Equity in Natural Areas	113,045
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$145,908
Revenues	
Contributions for Land Acquisition	\$ 8,730
Contributions to Capital Funds	1,300
Dues & General Contributions	3,155
Foundation Grants & Contracts	1,024
Interest and Other Income	1,411
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 15,620
Expenditures by Program Areas	
Identification (Natural Area Inventories)	\$ 907
Protection (Land Acquisition)	10,531
Stewardship (Preserve Management)	1,115
Fund-raising	784
Management and Support Services	630
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,967
Revenues Available for Future Use	
Funds Designated for Future Land Acquisition or Project Loans	\$ 878
Stewardship Endowment Funds for Conservancy Preserves	255
Guarantee & Income Fund	74
Funds Restricted for Special Programs	168
Chapter Funds	180
General Funds	98
TOTAL	\$ 1,653

Note: A detailed financial report is available on request. Write to Mark Beach, Director of Development, at the National Office.

Resources for Action

The Conservancy's effectiveness in preserving natural lands is dependent upon its two primary resources: people and funds. People—the Conservancy's members, volunteers, and staff—are a vital resource for meeting the challenge of land conservation. Because of these people, the Conservancy has been dedicated to actively acquiring and safeguarding natural areas, not just talking about it.

On the land itself, volunteers provide their time and concern to managing over 660 Conservancy-owned preserves. In renewing their memberships, supporters reaffirm their commitment to the Conservancy's goals and programs. Moreover, generous donations from members re-

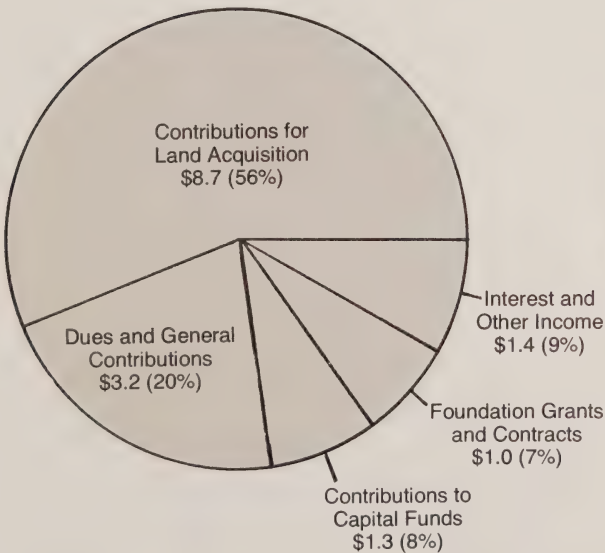
sponding to appeals throughout the year are remarkable in both quantity and value.

The Conservancy's second resource, funds, balances the organization's membership and volunteer resources and makes Conservancy programs a reality. The funds described here were created to save land. They are a straightforward financial expression of the Conservancy's commitment to the preservation of natural diversity and natural resources. Each fund has a specific purpose and each is a vital, special part of the land preservation equation. The funds, together with the support and participation of members and volunteers, make it possible for the Conservancy to develop an increasingly effective national program for land conservation.

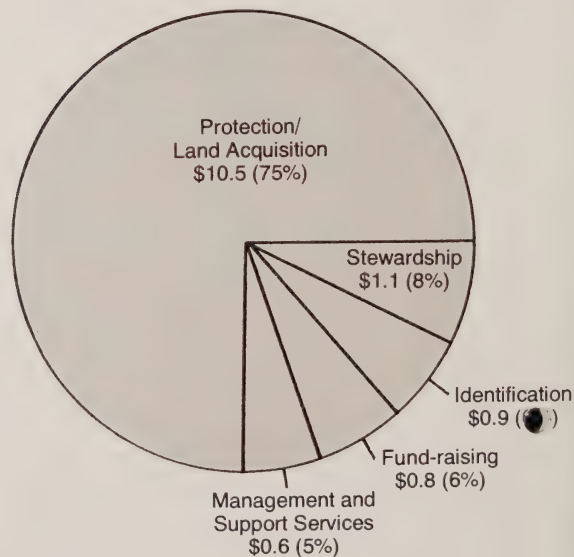
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

(Dollars in Millions)

Revenues



Expenditures



THE LAND PRESERVATION FUND

For almost thirty years, the dollars that first went to purchase Mianus River Gorge, the Conservancy's original project, have been used over and over again to acquire land all across the nation. The idea is simple and the effect tremendous: buy land with a fund of revolving capital. The creation of the loan fund in the early fifties, and its subsequent growth, proved to have far-reaching consequences. The wisdom of the Conservancy's Board paid off in thousands of acres of America's finest natural land protected.

But times change and the cost of preservation has increased enormously. In January 1977, based on estimates of needs for the years ahead, the Board of Governors decided that the loan fund capability, then grown from its original \$30,000 to about \$4.5 million, had to be enlarged by \$20 million.

To build the new Land Preservation Fund, the Governors tapped former Board chairman Wallace C. Dayton of Minneapolis to head a committee of board members. The committee, with careful planning, has raised nearly \$10 million toward the goal, with more than a quarter of the amount coming from members of the Board.

Perhaps no other philanthropic organization can say that its contributors' dollars will never disappear—never be used up. Money from the Land Preservation Fund will be used repeatedly. The revolving nature of the fund means that the additional \$20 million could save as much as \$400 million worth of ecologically priceless land in one decade. At the same time, income generated by the fund will cover a significant part of the Conservancy's annual operating costs.

The Land Preservation Fund is a critical resource for action. It will eventually provide sufficient capital to finance many future purchases of endangered land. In addition to being used to acquire conservation lands at the request of government, the fund is available for use by Conservancy chapters, committees and other conservation organizations. The Land Preservation Fund is ready for action 24 hours a day at an affordable cost. The money is available quickly under all circumstances, whenever and wherever it is needed most.

During 1978 and early 1979, the Land Preservation Fund Committee will be working harder than ever to raise the second, and perhaps more difficult, \$10 million. Everyone—members, friends, and Conservancy leaders—will be asked to help. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

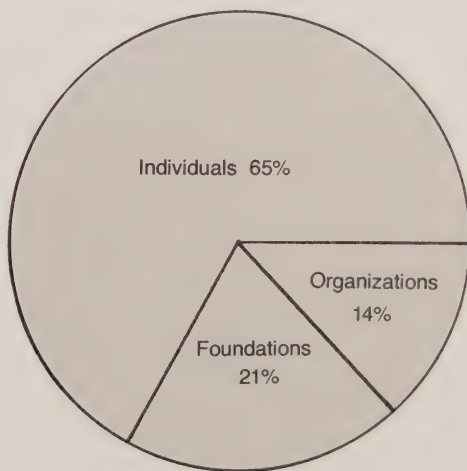
THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is as basic to the Conservancy as regular income is to the average home. It pays the landlord, the bills, and keeps the family together. General Fund income provides the wherewithal to obtain and accept land gifts, to make sure all Conservancy sanctuaries are well managed, and to pay the specialists, from botanists to lawyers, whose skills are required to preserve natural areas. In short, the General Fund is the key to the Conservancy's continuing year-to-year effectiveness.

During 1977, support to the General Fund came from membership dues, and gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations. About 12 per cent of Conservancy members made an extra gift—in addition to membership dues—to the General Fund.

Conservancy growth, combined with projected inflation, necessitated a 14 per cent increase for 1978 in the General Fund goal. Consequently, members and friends will be asked to increase their level of support for the Fund. The Conservancy's General Fund, is, however, one of conservation's greatest bargains. Last year, every dollar spent on operations was returned by 2500% in the value of land acquired.

Source of the 54,949 contributions received by The Nature Conservancy in 1977:



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